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October 15th, 1918

Dr. John Seath,
Superintendent of Education,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Seath:

Professor DeLury, who is the Secretary of our Committee on University Extension, has found himself in difficulties with regard to the courses of the Summer Session students. His particular difficulty is with regard to Mineralogy and Geology, which is now set in the third and fourth years along with Chemistry as one of the options required to qualify for Inspector's certificates. He has endeavoured to the best of his ability, and you are aware that no understands our system and the schools both as few men do, to arrange the work of the third and fourth years for the Summer Session students, and proposes that the courses should be:

Third Year: English, History, Political Science, French, Chemistry.
Fourth Year: English, History, Political Science, French, Mineralogy and Geology. The Mineralogy and Geology would require to be the first course in the subject. As the Mineralogy and Geology now prescribed presuppose work in these subjects in an earlier year it is impossible to carry it on, consequently it has been necessary for Professor Walker to begin a course of lectures and practical work such as presupposes no previous knowledge.

It would be necessary to have your sanction for these changes in the Mineralogy and Geology, but I think that you will see that the advanced course would not be understood by the students.

If you would like to see Professor DeLury with regard to this matter I shall be glad to have him call upon you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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JOHN SEATH
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

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OFFICE
T O R O N T O,

October 17th., 1918.

Dear President Falconer,-

Yours of the 15th inst. to hand.

I have already had an interview with Professor DeLury and expect to have another to-morrow when I hope we shall be able to reach a solution that will suit both the University and this Department.

Yours very truly,

John Seath

Sir Robert Falconer, C. M. G., LL.D.,
President, University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o, Ont.

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JOHN SEATH
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENT'S
OFFICE

Toronto, October 23rd, 1918.

Dear President Falconer,-

As promised in my letter of the 17th instant, I have discussed with Professor DeLury the content of the teachers' courses agreed upon sometime ago between the University and this Department. I find, however, that at present we can arrive at no permanent solution of the difficulties he pointed out. When the Minister returns, a modification of the present division of the subjects of the Upper School examination will be considered and the decision then made may affect the content of the courses in question.

I trust that your council will be able to defer the settlement of this question until the case for the Department has been presented to it.

Yours very truly,

John Seath

Sir Robert Falconer, C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SUPERINTENDENT'S
OFFICE

Private.

Toronto, October 28th, 1918.

Dear President Falconer,-

You, perhaps, remember that some years ago you were good enough to make enquiries through some of your friends at Halifax as to the efficiency of Mr. Sexton who had had charge for some years of technical education in Nova Scotia. Our Assistant Inspector of Industrial and Technical Education has been appointed to a professorship in Queen's University and Mr. Sexton's name has again been brought up as that of an educationalist who would prove a competent successor. You will oblige me greatly if you again make enquiries as to Mr. Sexton's personal and professional fitness and the success of his administration as evidenced at present. If appointed, he would act as Assistant to Dr. Merchant who has been Director of Technical and Industrial Education in Ontario for some years. The appointment will be an important one, because this branch is developing very rapidly in Ontario.

Yours very truly,

John Seath

Sir Robert Falconer, C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

October 31st, 1918

Dr. John Seath,

Superintendent of Education,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Seath:

I will write again to Halifax and see whether I can get any more information about Mr. Sexton. If I am not mistaken he is the vocational officer now for technical training under the Dominion Authorities in the Maritime provinces and Quebec. Whether you could get any information from Ottawa that will help you or not I do not know, but I will do what I can for you in Halifax.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.